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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS cannot recall details surrounding original receipt of typewriter note dated 3/4/38 and signed "H"; did not believe "H" referred to ALGER HISS. FBI Laboratory concluded typewriting not similar to that on Q5, Q6 through Q69. CHAMBERS believed he performed photographic work in apartment of JOHN T. WERMAN, Washington, D.C., who was member of HAROLD WARE'S CP cell; HERMAN'S former wife met CHAMBERS as "CARL" during pertinent period but denies he made photos in D.C. apartment. KENNETH HUTCHINSON interviewed on possibility he sent note signed "H", but no confirmation received.

CHAMBERS stated name of Colonel LAMB was suggested as one who could possibly obtain "Intelligence documents". CHAMBERS later discussed with ALGER HISS advisability of contacting LAMB. According to CHAMBERS, Colonel BYKOV encouraged "development" of LAMB but cautioned that HISS should not become involved. After one meeting by prearrangement in NYC with LEE PRESSMAN and LAMB, CHAMBERS broke off relations with LAMB. Information re background and credibility of LAMB set forth. In signed statement LAMB reviewed his relationships with ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and LEE PRESSMAN; claims he met HISS in 1924 when latter was attached to NYE Committee; claims he performed investigatory services for HISS and received about \$500.00 of HISS' personal funds. LAMB recalls meeting CHAMBERS in NYC, 1936 or 1937 but is unable to recall purpose or detailed circumstances of meeting; also identified photo of LEE PRESSMAN as individual with whom he had second NYC meeting. Additional associates of CHAMBERS interviewed. Bank accounts of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS at NYC reviewed and source of deposits at Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C. located; no pertinent transactions disclosed. JONATHAN NICHOLL, former Washington, D.C. correspondent of "New Republic", and wife, DORIS STEVENS, interviewed re allegations supposedly made to

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